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Application No. 9/486,6/

NOTICE OF DRAFTSPERSON'S PATENT DRAWING REVIEW

| The drawing(s) filed (insert date) 2.2.9-00 are: | |
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| A. pproved by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152. B. objected to by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152 for | |
| submission of new, corrected drawings when necessary. Corrected drawings | ng must be sumitted according to the instructions on the back of this notice. |
| DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.84(a): Acceptable categories of drawings: Black ink. Color. | ARRANGEMENT OF VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(i) Words do not appear on a horizontal, left-to-right fashion |
| Color drawings are not acceptable until petiton is granted. Fig(s) | when page is either upright or turned so that the top becomes the right side, except for graphs. Fig(s) |
| Pencil and non black ink not permitted. Fig(s) PHOTOGRAPHS. 37 CFR 1.84 (b) | 9. SCALE. 37 CFR 1.84(k) Scale not large enough to show mechanism without |
| l full-tone set is required. Fig(s) Photographs not properly mounted (must use brystol board or | crowding when drawing is reduced in size to two-thirds in reproduction. |
| photographic double-weight paper). Fig(s) Foor quality (half-tone). Fig(s) 3. TYPE OF PAPER. 37 CFR 1.84(c) | Fig(s) |
| Paper not flexible, strong, white, and durable. Fig(s) | Lines, numbers & letters not uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable, and black (poor line quality). |
| Erasures, alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, copy machine marks not accepted. Fig(s) | Fig(s) |
| Mylar, velum paper is not acceptable (too thin). Fig(s) 4. SIZE OF PAPER. 37 CFR 1.84(f): Acceptable sizes: | Solid black areas pale. Fig(s) Solid black shading not permitted. Fig(s) Shade lines, pale, rough and blurred. Fig(s) |
| 21.0 cm by 29.7 cm (DIN size A4) 21.6 cm by 27.9 cm (8 1/2 x 11 inches) | 12. NUMBERS, LETTERS, & REFERENCE CHARACTERS. 37 CER-1.84(p) |
| All drawing sheets not the same size. Sheet(s) | Numbers and reference characters not plain and legible. Fig(s) |
| Drawings sheets not an acceptable size. Fig(s) 5. MARGINS. 37 CFR 1.84(g): Acceptable margins: | Figure legends are poor. Fig(s) Numbers and reference characters not oriented in the same direction as the view. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(1) |
| Top 2.5 cm Left 2.5 cm Right 1.5 cm Bottom 1.0 cm SIZE: A4 Size | Fig(s) English alphabet not used. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) |
| Top 2.5 cm Left 2.5 cm Right 1.5 cm Bottom 1.0 cm SIZE: 8 1/2 x 11 Margins not acceptable. Fig(s) | Figs Numbers, letters and reference characters must be at least .32 cm (1/8 inch) in height. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(3) |
| Top (T) Left (L) Right (R) Bottom (B) | Fig(s) |
| VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(h) REMINDER: Specification may require revision to | Lead lines cross each other. Fig(s) Lead lines missing. Fig(s) |
| correspond to drawing changes. Partial views. 37 CFR 1.84(h)(2) Brackets needed to show figure as one entity. | 14. NUMBERING OF SHEETS OF DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.84(i) Sheets not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numerals beginning with number 1. Sheet(s) |
| Fig(s) Views not labeled separately or properly. | 15. NUMBERING OF VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(u) Views not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numerals, |
| Fig(s) Enlarged view not labeled separetely or properly. | beginning with number 1. Fig(s) 16. CORRECTIONS. 37 CFR 1.84(w) |
| Fig(s) 7. SECTIONAL VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84 (h)(3) Hatching not indicated for sectional portions of an object. | Corrections not made from prior PTO-948 dated 17. DESIGN DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.152 |
| Fig(s) Sectional designation should be noted with Arabic or | Surface shading shown not appropriate. Fig(s) Solid black shading not used for color contrast. |
| Roman numbers. Fig(s) | Fig(s) |
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INFORMATION ON HOW TO EFFECT DRAWING CHANGES

1. Correction of Informalities--37 CFR 1.85

File new drawings with the changes incorporated therein. The application number or the title of the invention, inventor's name, docket number (if any), and the name and telephone number of a person to call if the Office is unable to match the drawings to the proper application, should be placed on the back of each sheet of drawings in accordance with 37 CFR 1.84(c). Applicant may delay filing of the new drawings until receipt of the Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136. The drawing should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Drawing Processing Branch.

2. Timing for Corrections

Applicant is required to submit acceptable corrected drawings within the three-month shortened statutory period set in the Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37). If a correction is determined to be unacceptable by the Office, applicant must arrange to have acceptable corrections resubmitted within the original three-month period to avoid the necessity of obtaining an extension of time and paying the extension fee. Therefore, applicant should file corrected drawings as soon a possible.

Failure to take corrective action within set (or extended) period will result in ABANDONMENT of the Application.

3. Corrections other than Informalities Noted by the Drawing Review Branch on the Form PTO-948

All changes to the drawings, other than informalities noted by the Drawing Review Branch, MUST be approved by the examiner before the application will be allowed. No changes will be permitted to be made, other than correction of informalities, unless the examiner has approved the proposed changes.

Attachment for PTO-948 (Rev. 03/01, or earlier)6/18/01

The below text replaces the pre-printed text under the heading, "Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes," on the back of the PTO-948 (Rev. 03/01, or earlier) form.

INFORMATION ON HOW TO EFFECT DRAWING CHANGES

1. Correction of Informalities - 37 CFR 1.85

New corrected drawings must be filed with the changes incorporated therein. Identifying indicia, if provided, should include the title of the invention, inventor's name, and application number, or docket number (if any) if an application number has not been assigned to the application. If this information is provided, it must be placed on the front of each sheet and centered within the top margin. If corrected drawings are required in a Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37), the new drawings MUST be filed within the THREE MONTH shortened statutory period set for reply in the Notice of Allowability. Extensions of time may NOT be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b) for filing the corrected drawings after the mailing of a Notice of Allowability. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

2. Corrections other than Informalities Noted by Draftsperson on form PTO-948.

All changes to the drawings, other than informalities noted by the Draftsperson, MUST be made in the same manner as above except that, normally, a highlighted (preferably red ink) sketch of the changes to be incorporated into the new drawings MUST be approved by the examiner before the application will be allowed. No changes will be permitted to be made, other than correction of informalities, unless the examiner has approved the proposed changes.

Timing of Corrections

Applicant is required to submit the drawing corrections within the time period set in the attached Office communication. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Failure to take corrective action within the set period will result in **ABANDONMENT** of the application.